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DOWRY PROHIBITION ACT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether dowry-death cases pertaining to young brides are continuing unabated despite implementation of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961;

(b) if so, the number of cases reported during each of the last three years;

(c) whether there is any proposal to amend the law on the subject with a view to making it more stringent; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a)&(b) As per the data compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, dowry deaths in the country have shown an overall decline in the last three years. The number of such incidents, as reported, was 6851 in 2001, 6822 in 2002 and 6285 in 2003 (Provisional).

(c)&(d) There is no immediate proposal to amend the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.